



agriculture

arable



The practice of growing crops and raising animals for food, fiber, or other uses by humans.

Land that is suitable for growing plants for human use.



climate

crop



The weather in an area averaged over a long period of time.

A type of plant, or the seasonal production of plants, grown by humans for food, animal feed, or fiber.



drought

ecosystem



A long time with little or no precipitation.

A community of plants, animals, and their surroundings that depend on each other.



energy

fresh water



The capacity to do work or the source of power to do work.

Water in rivers, lakes, and other freshwater ecosystems that contains little dissolved salt.



frontier

life cycle



The edge of the settled part of a country,
next to land that has not been settled.

The changes organisms go through as they
develop from eggs or seeds to adults that
reproduce before they die.



migration

natural resources



The movement of animals, including humans, from one location to another.

Materials, such as water, minerals, energy, and soil, that people use from nature and natural systems.



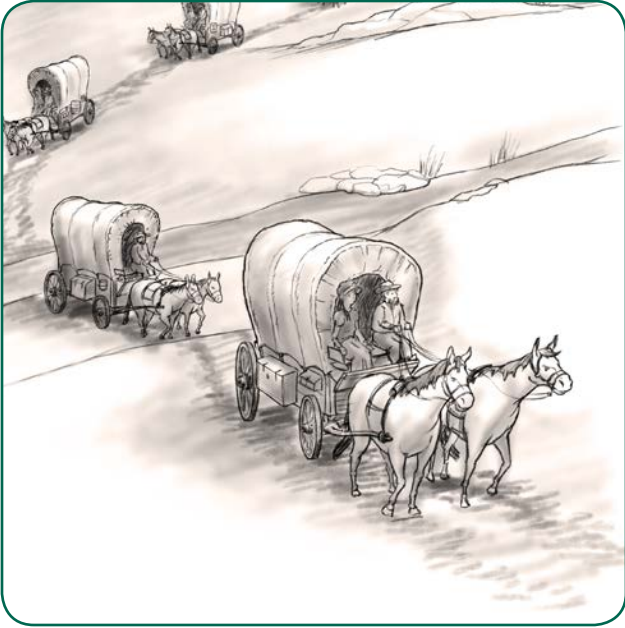
natural system

overland trails



The parts, processes, and cycles in an environment, and the interactions among plants, animals, and other organisms with their environment.

A system of land trails that crossed the United States, used by settlers traveling to the West in the 1700s and 1800s.



pioneers



precipitation




The first people to explore or settle an area.


Water that falls from clouds to Earth as rain, mist, hail, sleet, ice, or snow.



raw materials

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settlement



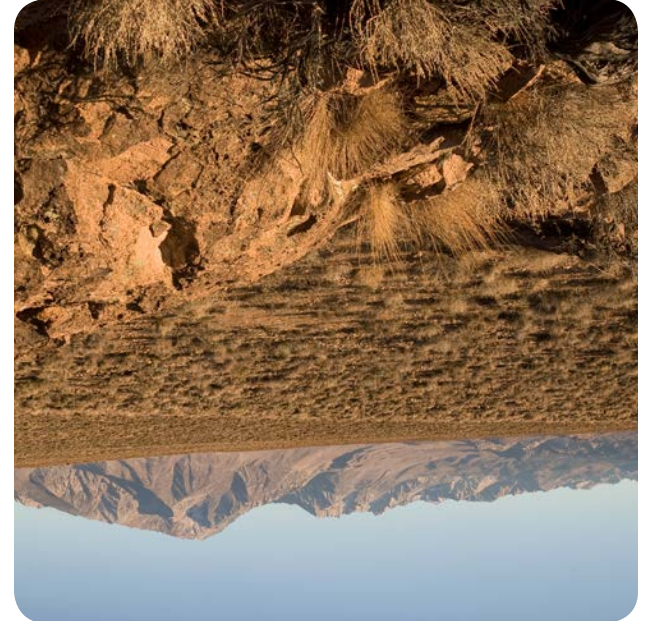
Natural resources that have not yet been processed or used to manufacture a product.

A community or populated area, such as a camp or town; or the process of populating a community or area.



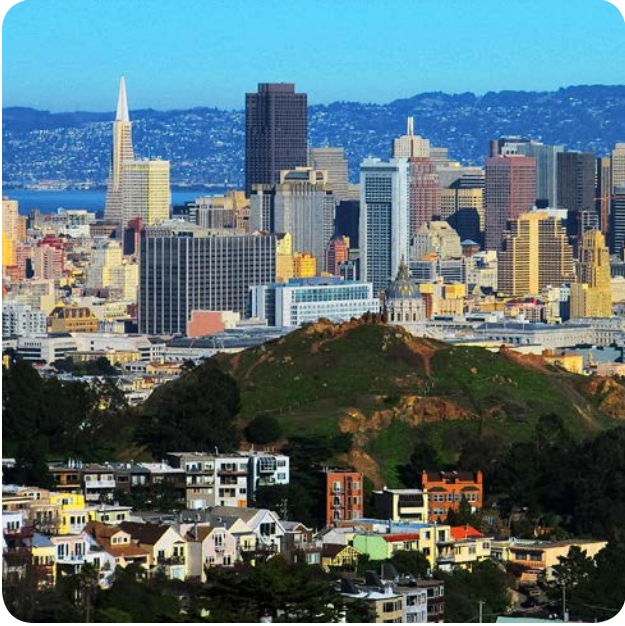
settler

terrain



A person who moves to a new region to find a new place to live.

The natural features on the surface of land.



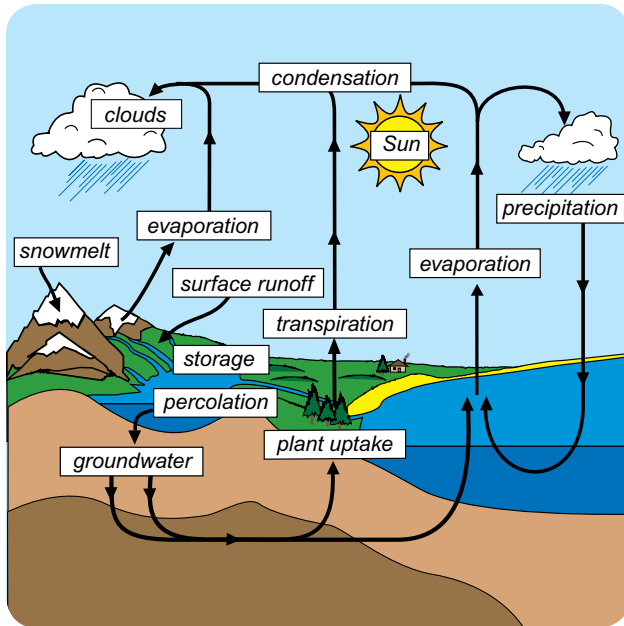
urban

vegetation



Related to cities and things in cities.

The plant life in an area or a region.



water cycle

The continuous movement of water
between the atmosphere and Earth.